

Rekha Patil

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 1165 OF 2026
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 174 OF 2026

Ahemed Najiroddin Shaikh ...Appellant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Anil Shitole, for the Appellant.
Mr. R. M. Pethe, APP, for the Respondent-State.
Mr. Keral Mehta, for the Respondent No.2.

CORAM: R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED: 10th FEBRUARY, 2026

PC:-

1. Learned APP, on instructions, makes a statement that the Respondent No.2 is served. Absent.
2. Hence, Mr. Keral Mehta, is appointed to represent the Respondent No.2.
3. Learned Counsel for the Appellant to provide copy of the Appeal Memo and Interim Application with annexures to the appointed Advocate.

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INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 174 OF 2026

1. This application is for condonation delay of 47 days in challenging the order impugned dated 30th August, 2025, rejecting anticipatory bail application filed by the appellant.
2. Heard learned Counsel for both the sides.
3. Learned APP and learned Counsel for respondent No.2 oppose the application.
4. For the reasons mentioned in the application, it cannot be said that the delay is deliberate or inordinate. Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a) and stands disposed of accordingly.
5. Appeal be registered.
6. Issue notice to the respondents.
7. Learned APP waives notice on behalf of the respondent No.1- State and learned Counsel waives notice on behalf of respondent No.2.
8. Stand over to 25th February, 2026.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)